Declaration of National Highways in Gujarat

2460. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government received any proposals for declaring New National Highways in Gujarat State; and which roads are proposed to be declared as National Highways;

(b) if so, which roads will be declared as National Highways in Gujarat during Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) by when such roads are to be declared as National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The Government of Gujarat has forwarded ten proposals aggregating to a length of 2510 Km. for the declaration of new National Highways in the 8th Five year Plan. However, owing to meagre allocation of funds for National Highways during the current Plan, it is difficult to declare new National Highways in any State including Gujarat at this point of time.

Ennore Setellite Port

2461. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken so far by Government to construct the Ennore Satellite Port;

(b) what is the cost of this Project; and

(c) when it will commence and when it will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Project for construction of Satellite Port at Ennore has been sanctioned on 23rd April, 1993 at an estimated cost of Rs. 593.90 crores.

(c) The Project is estimated to be completed within 5 years from 23rd April, 1993.

सड़क विकास योजना के अंतर्गत राजमार्गों का निर्माण

2462. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 20 वर्षीय सड़क मार्ग विकास योजना के अंतर्गत देश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों तथा एक्सप्रेस मार्गों आदि के निर्माण हेतु वर्ष 1981 से पहले लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए थे;

(ख) यदि हां, तो देश में लंबाई की दृष्टि से राजमार्गों तथा एक्सप्रेस मार्गों के निर्माण हेतु पृथक्-पृथक् क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए थे;

(ग) निर्धारित लक्ष्य की तुलना में मार्च, 1994 तक सड़क निर्माण का कार्य किस सीमा तक पूरा हो गया है; और

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि देश के लगभग 5,67,047 गांवों की कुल संख्या में से केवल 2,61,554 गांव ही बारहमासी सड़कों से जुड़े हुए हैं, यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) से (ग) संभवतः माननीय सदस्यों का आशय, भारतीय सड़क कांग्रेस द्वारा, जो कि सोसायटी पंजीकरण अधिनियम, 1860 के तहत एक पंजीकृत सोसायटी है, तैयार की गई 20 वर्षीय (1981—2001) सड़क विकास योजना से है। इस दस्तावेज के अनुसार विभिन्न सड़कों/एक्सप्रेस मार्गों के मामले में सन् 2001 के लिए लक्ष्य नीचे दिए गए हैं; अर्थात्

एक्सप्रेस मार्ग	राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग	राज्यीय राजमार्ग	मुख्य जिला सड़कें	अन्य जिला तथा गांव की सड़कें
			(लंबाई कि० मी० में)	
2,000	66,000	1,45,000	3,00,000	21,89,000

पूर्वोक्त सड़क-विकास योजना में उल्लिखित सिफारिशें/लक्ष्य, मूलतया सिफारशी किस्म की हैं और इनका आशय, केन्द्र तथा राज्य, दोनों स्तरों पर पंचवर्षीय योजनाएं बनाते समय संदर्भ के रूप में काम करना है। मार्च, 1994 की स्थिति के अनुसार, देश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की कुल लम्बाई 34,058 कि० मी० है और अहमदाबाद और बडोदरा के बीच (93 कि० मी० लम्बाई) के खंड में एक एक्सप्रेस मार्ग निर्माणाधीन है।

(घ) सांविधानिक रूप से भारत सरकार मुख्यतया केवल राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास और रख-रखाव के लिए जिम्मेदार है। गांव की सड़कों सहित, सभी अन्य सड़कों के लिए इस मामले में,

संबंधित राज्य सरकारे और स्थानीय प्रशासन जानकार्य रूप से जिम्मेदार है ।

Amount asked for by West Bengal for repair work of National Highways

2463. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an amount of Rs. 19.28 crores was asked for by the Government of West Bengal for the repair of the National Highways in the northern part of West Bengal which was badly damaged by floods in July, 1993;

(b) if so, what was the amount sanctioned against the estimate and how much was released to the State Government; and

(c) whether the amount released was adequate to restore the damaged part to traffic-worthy conditions if not what steps are being proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Proposals for Rs. 13.94 crores for the repair of road/bridge works on National Highways damaged by floods during 1993-94 in northern part of West Bengal were received

(b) Estimates amounting to Rs. 6.25 crores were sanctioned for the above repair works and an amount of Rs. 4.19 crores has already been released so far against the sanctioned works.

(c) Works are sanctioned keeping in view the condition of the road, traffic intensity, overall priority of the work and availability of resources etc. and funds are released based on estimates sanctioned and availability of resources. Efforts are made to maintain the National Highways in a traffic-worthy condition within the available resources.

Ports closed for Indian ships in Foreign Countries

2464. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Some Ports closed to Indian ships" as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 4th October, 1994;

(b) if so, whether due to fear of plague epidemic some countries have closed ports for Indian ships;

(c) if so, the present position of Indian ships and ports; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to continue operations at various ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Ports were not closed to Indian ships but port authorities in several countries like Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Quattar, Oman, Yemen, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh had imposed quarantine restrictions on ships calling at their ports from any Indian port.

(c) All restrictions have been withdrawn and complete normalcy has been restored.

(d) The Government took prompt action and all Indian Missions abroad were advised about the international expert opinion as well as the measures taken in India so as to adequately reassure the Governments of these countries about the absence of risk of plague infection through exports from India.

America's Investment in Road Sector in India

2465. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the US is keen to invest 20 billion dollars for expressways in the country;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of such investments;

(c) whether Government have approved the US investment;

(d) the details of Highways on which the investment would be made; and

(e) by when the task is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There has been no such offer received from the U.S.A. in respect of requirement indicated in the question.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Revival of Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd.

2466. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 55 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th July, 1994 and state:

(a) the salient features of the proposal for the revival of the Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd., which is under the examination of Government;

(b) what is the financial involvement of the revival package; and

(c) what is the time frame for completion of examination of the revival proposal by Government?